

REMARKS

The Examiner's Amendment of claim 9, line 2 is acceptable to Applicant.

The Abstract has been amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's request.

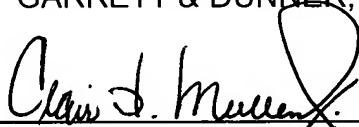
Corrected drawings, in accordance with the Examiner's request, are being filed herewith.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to 5 sheets of drawings (Figs.

1-6. Figure 1 has been labeled "Prior Art", each figure has been modified to be less dark and more clear, and each sheet has been labeled "Replacement Sheet" as advised by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (5 sheets; Figs. 1-6)